



Tinker Turns 50!

Celebrating Youth Voices

FEBRUARY 18 - 28, 2019

50th Anniversary of the landmark ruling
for youth First Amendment rights



When “**Tinker Turns 50**,” this February during Black History Month, we’ll be celebrating the power of youth voices through history and today. With a landmark ruling for students’ First Amendment rights 50 years ago on February 24th, 1969, the Supreme Court affirmed the importance of youth voices in democracy- voices that are rising, and still so important today.

We invite you to join us, and to support the events that will be held on February 18 - 28 featuring plaintiffs Mary Beth and John Tinker, in partnership with the American Civil Liberties Union, C-SPAN, Iowa Public TV, the State Historical Society of Iowa, Student Press Law Center, Des Moines Public Schools, and others.

You can check the [entire schedule here](#).

Mary Beth and John will be at the following events in the Des Moines area, which are free and open to the public.

Friday, February 22, 10:00 - 11:00am, and 12:30 - 1:30pm CST

Live stream event from the State Historical Society of Iowa. You can find out [more information from Iowa Public Television](#).

Friday, February 22, 7:00pm CST

C-SPAN re-airs Landmark Cases program on *Tinker v Des Moines*. This [video](#) is also available to view online.

Saturday, February 23, 4:00 - 6:00pm CST

[RAYGUN printing, design and clothing company](#)

505 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines

Celebration of Student Free Speech and Press Rights, with student journalists & Advisers from Iowa, Parkland FL, and Texas

Sunday, February 24 8:00 - 9:00am CST

C-SPAN live interview and viewer call-in with Mary Beth & John. Broadcast on C-SPAN and simulcast on C-SPAN3

Sunday, February 24 2:00-2:30pm CST

Press Conference at Harding Middle School

203 East Euclid Avenue, Des Moines

John & Mary Beth Tinker will be joined by Thomas Ahart, Superintendent of the Des Moines Public Schools, and Thomas Stringer, Executive Director of the ACLU of Iowa.

Sunday, February 24, 2:30pm CST

Community Reception at Harding Middle School

203 East Euclid Avenue, Des Moines

Harding Middle School is where Mary Beth was suspended in 1965. Sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union and Des Moines Public Schools

Monday, February 25, 7:00pm CST

[Stand Up! Speak Up! Youth & the First Amendment](#)

Great Hall of the ISU Memorial Union

Iowa State University

2433 Union Drive, Ames Iowa

Mary Beth and John Tinker will discuss the significance of their historic Supreme Court case especially in the current political climate. Mark Stringer, ACLU of Iowa Director, will moderate. Part of the National Affairs Series: Building a Better Democracy and the First Amendment Day Series Coordinated by the ISU Committee on Lectures.

Tuesday, February 26, 7:00pm CST

Tinker v. Des Moines: Protecting the Voices of Our Youth

University of Iowa College of Law

130 Byington Rd, Iowa City

Panel Discussion facilitated by ACLU of Iowa Executive Director Mark Stringer. Co-sponsored with the University of Iowa College of Law. Professor Christina Bohannon, University of Iowa

Law Professor and Director of Master of Studies in Law program, will also be on the panel.

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00pm CST

[Stand Up, Speak Up! Tinker v. Des Moines Turns 50](#)

Cowles Library Reading Room, 2725 University Ave.

Drake University will mark the 50th anniversary of *Tinker v. Des Moines*, the landmark legal case that established the free speech rights of students in public schools. Mary Beth and John Tinker, plaintiffs in the case, along with Drake students, will lead a conversation on the values and challenges of freedom of expression. The event is co-sponsored by the Drake School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Drake Law School, Cowles Library, the Drake Department of Political Science, and the School of Education. It is free and open to the public.

[Please donate here](#) to “Tinker Turns 50” to encourage youth civic engagement. When youth have a voice, it’s better for everyone!

Thanks so much for your support!

Mary Beth & John Tinker



Mary Beth & John at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia